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The Daily Press.

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BRAHMIN. A startling proposal has been

made by Mr. HOWARD, the late Secretary

of the British Legation at Peking, to the

effect that the office of Consul-General at

Shanghai and Chief Justice of the Supreme

Court for China and Japan should be held

by one person. We have not seen a copy

of the report in which this remarkable sug-

gestion is made, and are indebted to the

N. C. Daily News for what little in-

formation we possess as to its contents.

The present British Consul-General, Mr.

P. J. HOWARD, has sent in his re-

signation, and Mr. HOWARD proposes, and

it is in contemplation by the Foreign Office

—to our Northern contemporary says—that

no successor shall be appointed to Mr.

HOWARD from the Consular ranks, but that

the Chief Judge of the Supreme Court shall

be also Consul-General, while the Assistant

Judge shall act also as Consul. Presumably

Mr. HOWARD advanced some reasons in sup-

port of his recommendation, but what they

can have been it is difficult to conceive, and

we find it almost impossible to credit the

statement that the Foreign Office actually

contemplated adopting the course recom-

mended. The Daily News suggests that

Mr. HOWARD came to the conclusion that

there was not work enough at Shanghai for two

high officials, and points out that there were

only eight cases in the Supreme Court last

year, twenty-one cases in the Summary

Court, and fifty-one in the Police Court.

This does not include the work done in

Chambers; if it were the total, it might be ad-

mitted it would be rather a small one to occupy

two Judges. The only advantage to be

gained by the adoption of the course recom-

mended by Mr. HOWARD would, however, be

a small saving in salaries, while on the other

hand there would be the very grave disadvan-

tage which inevitably attend the union of ex-

ecutive and judicial functions. To find a man

who would be at once a good Judge and a

good Consul would be almost impossible; if

law occupied the first place in his mind the

Consular duties would be more or less

entirely performed, and vice versa. It is,

however, a rule of the Consular Service

that its members shall have a practical ac-

quaintance with the Chinese language, and a Judge appointed from home would be

unable to qualify in this respect. The

knowledge of the language might, of

course be dispensed with, but a Consul alto-

gether dependent on his translators and

interpreters would be placed at a consider-

able disadvantage. The language, however,

is not the most important consideration.

The excellency which characterizes the Chinese

Consular Service is due to the fact that its

members are specially trained and have to

pass through all the subordinate grades

before they are placed in charge of a court.

A middle-aged barrister coming out as Judge

would not have enjoyed the advantage of

this training, and as a Consul would

almost as much out of his element as it would

be to him to practice law in a foreign country.

It is reported in a summary of a travel book

that the Consular Service is

not reported to be in a state of a general

decline.

man. There are of course Consuls who have

been called to the bar when at home or have

it is not within the bounds of probability

that they would be considered politically

eligible for the office of Judge, although

technically they are so now.

When the Capital of Shanghai had to dis-

charge judicial functions prior to the es-

tablishment of the Supreme Court in the

early sixties, very considerable inconveniences

resulted. It was to remove this inconven-

ence, as well as to make better provision

for the administration of justice throughout

China and Japan generally, that the Su-

preme Court was constituted. The Su-

preme Court is not concerned only with

cases arising within the Consular district of

Shanghai. Each Consul holds a Provincial

Court, and such Court may, of its own

motion, or on the application of any per-

son concerned, report to the Supreme

Court the pending of any case, civil or

criminal, which appears to the Consul

Court fit to be heard and determined by

the Imperial visitor.

On Sunday last a junk that is supposed to

have been built in the Yangtze River, which hangs

over the city of Ningpo, was found

on the river bank.

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China Jardine, Matheson & Co.	240	240 nom.
China Liang, 21 C.	200	200 buyers
Chinese Island '88 E.	250	274
Cruckshank & Co.	260	265 nom.
Dairy & Co. Geor.	250	250 nom.
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Green Island Cement.	250	210 c.
H. Bright & Co.	110	110 sellers
H. & C. Bakery.	250	274 nom.
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